

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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October 14, 1998

Mr. Joseph Giancola Giancola Construction Corp. c/o Howe Center Ltd. 140 Granger Street Rutland, VT 05701

Dear Mr. Giancola:

I am writing to inform you of a United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) decision regarding the property known as **Howe Richardson Scale Co** (former) at 1 Scale Avenue, Rutland, Vermont (EPA Identification Number: VTD002078509).

EPA completed its investigation of the property on September 29, 1998. Based upon the information available, EPA has determined that a "No Further (federal) Remedial Action Planned" or NFRAP decision is appropriate. No further steps will be taken to list this property on the National Priorities List (NPL).

The NFRAP decision does not necessarily mean that there is no hazard associated with this property, it means only that based upon currently available information, this property is not judged to be a potential NPL site. Following a review by other EPA programs, properties assigned NFRAP decisions are eligible to be removed from EPA's Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System (CERCLIS) database. These properties maybe archived as historical records to ensure EPA does not needlessly repeat the investigations in the future. That review has been completed and this site was archived on October 8, 1998.

Further actions may be taken at properties with NFRAP decisions by the Superfund Removal program, other EPA or federal programs, or by state and local programs. You may wish to contact the state to verify the status of your property regarding state authorities. The contact for the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Sites Management Section is Chuck Schwer, who may be reached at 802 241-3876.

Based upon additional information or other considerations, NFRAP decisions and archive actions may be changed after consultation with the state. In such an instance, you will be notified and the site will be returned to the active CERCLIS database with the NFRAP decision removed.

Please contact me at 617 981-1433 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Donald R. Smith

Vermont Site Assessment Manager

Technical Support & Site Assessment Section

Office of Site Remediation & Restoration

cc: C. Schwer (VT DEC)